Comparing Medicaid Modernization to Old Medicaid

Medicaid Modernization is a **proactive**, **patient-centered** approach to modernizing Iowa's Medicaid program. Patients have **more choice** than ever before fitting their individual needs, **more access** to services, and **real accountability** improving the health of 500,000+ Iowans.

		Old Medicaid	Medicaid Modernization
CHOICE	Patient Choice	No	Yes, 3 Health Plans 145,000+ patients have chosen a health plan to fit individual needs
	Benefits	Current Benefits	Same Benefits plus 80+ Value-Added Services like: ✓ 24-Hour Nurse Hotline ✓ Weight Management ✓ Caregiver Training ✓ Financial Management 40,000+ Value-Added Services Have been Utilized
	Streamlined Provider Administrative Functions	Only Bill Monthly 7 Health Plans Prior Authorization Requirements	Option to Bill Daily Now 4 Health Plans Prior Authorization Requirements
ACCESS	Access to Doctors (MD/DO)	20,959 Access Points	36,535 Access Points
	Health Risk Assessments	Not Required Optional for Iowa Health and Wellness Population	230,000+ Patients
	Health Care Coordinator	0 Patients	38,000+ Patients
ACCOUNTABILITY	Know if Patient is Getting Healthier	No	Yes
	Health Care Delivery Focused On?	Volume	Value
	Health Outcome Metrics	Minimal	Nearly 1,000 Measurable Results
	Program Integrity	"Pay and Chase" Pay claim first and asking questions later. Used a paper system and a 1970s computer.	Plans verify payment on the front end ensuring accuracy and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse. Payment through a modern computer.
	Improper Payments	\$318+ million Fee-For-Service Error Rate: 12%	\$0 Iowa Error Rate: 0%
	Average Payment Time	7-10 Days	8.5 Days